Rs. 56. 6 crores *Ks.* almost 100 per per cent more than that of the Sixth Plan. The productivity of rice has already become the highest in the North Eastern Region and compares well with the country. Though the intensive measures -undertaken to boost agricultural production, the State is likely to become self-sufficient in foodgrains during the Seventh Plan.

(v) The flood problem in Mam-pur is not a major prob'errt The flood control works are in the na-. ture of construction of embankments and drainage channels.

**People below poverty line**

1897. - SHRI CHITTA BASTJ:

SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER bepleased to state the percentage ofpopulation (rural an, } urban), belowthe poverty' line, as on January 1, 19. 87, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): The estimate of the percentage of people below the poverty line, as on 1st January, 1987 aire" not available. The poverty estimate in the Planning Commission are worked out using the National School Survey (NSS data) on household consumption expenditure. The latest data on household consumo-tion expenditure of NSS are available for the year 1983. Based on the 1983 Survey data the State-wise estimates of number and percentage of people living below poverty line have been worked out for Rural/ Urban areas for 1983-84 and the details are given in the close Annexure. DSee Appendix CXLI Annexure **No** 79].

**Acquittal of Person under Narcoticsand psychotropic Substances Act,1985**

1898. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the PRIME MINIS-' TER be leased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi has on 29th January, 1937 acquired one person for processing Ganja because the Notification under the Narcotics, Drugs' and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985 has not been issued by the Government;

(b) whether Government is aware that the said Act, came into erfed*** . on 14th November, 1986 till 29th January, 1987, no notification as required under law had been issued by the Government; and

(c) if so the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI "JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In, ' view of the traditional use of *Ganja* and its non-prohibition in the States of West Bengal, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh, *Ganja* has been accorded a special statusi under the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. The Government had also entered a reservation while rectifying the single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961 to continue non-medical' use of Ganja by the end of 1989. While a minimum imprisonment has been prescribed for all other narcotics and psychotropic substances, no such minimum has been laid down for Ganja. The notification to be issued by the Government under proviso to section 8 of the aforesaid Act would require to have a uniform application all over India and hence can only be